



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F17-081
Incident Number: 2017-20183770
Date of Incident: 9/26/2017
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer noticed a suspicious vehicle in a motel parking lot. The driver appeared to be asleep in the driver's seat, the ignition was punched, and a pair of pliers were sitting in the front passenger seat. Punched ignitions are commonly found in stolen vehicles. The officer made contact with the driver. He told the driver he was not free to leave as he was investigating whether or not the vehicle was stolen. The driver started the vehicle and fled. He struck the officer's arm while he was driving away and accelerated toward the second officer as he sped away at a high rate of speed. Officers initiated a vehicle pursuit and executed a Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) to stop the car. They used their cars to block his vehicle. After the PIT, the suspect driver rammed two different police vehicles attempting to flee again. One officer removed his handgun and pointed it at the suspect while issuing commands to show his hands and put his vehicle in Park. He holstered his gun after the suspect complied. Officers handcuffed the suspect and booked him for Assault, Attempt to Elude, and Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle.

